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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Commissioners:

These comments are submitted in response to the FCC's, "In re Applications of AT&T Inc. & Deutsche Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations," WT Docket No. 11-65.

As a leading national grassroots organization with over 1.75 million activists in all 50 states, we urge you to approve the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

Contrary to the claims of critics, the wireless industry is intensely competitive. Indeed there are at least 5 competitors in 18 of the 20 largest markets, and at least 4 competitors in most other markets. The strong business case for the merger is therefore overwhelming evidence that it deserves regulatory approval.

Quite simply, the merger will unlock enormous value for customers by allowing more efficient and effective use of spectrum and unleashing a new wave of capital investment that will offer more fourth generation mobile broadband in more places, while spurring competitors to increase their own investment.

Every previous telecom merger has been met with dire predictions from so-called consumer groups about the impacts on investment and on price. Every time reality has disproven their outlandish claims. There is no reason to expect this time to be any different.

Moreover, given that the wireless industry is competitive according to any conventional measure of market power, the proper role of the FCC is to allow the free market to allocate resources to their best and highest use.

I therefore urge you to approve the merger expeditiously.

Yours truly,



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